WAKEFIELD SMOKE SIGNALS

To the Wakefield Community:

As time draws near for the opening of the 1977-78 school year we will be completing the self-study, receiving the Visiting Committee from the state, and making preparations for incoming ninth grade students in 1978-79. This will be our 25th anniversary year--a landmark year filled with challenges for our school community. I look forward to even greater parent participation to accomplish the many important tasks facing us.

Sincerely,

Victor Blue, Jr.

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1977-78 School Calendar

8/31 (W)-9/2 (F)	Teachers' Inservice
9/5 (M)	Labor Day Holiday
9/6 (T)	First day of school
10/10 (M)	Columbus Day Holiday
10/12 (W)	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences/Secondary Teacher Inservice (No school for students)
10/19 (W)	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (Elementary pupils only released early - time TBA; secondary students attend all day)
10/24 (M)	Veterans' Day Holiday
11/24, 25 (Th & F)	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
12/23 (F)	Winter Vacation Begins (Students released early-time TBA) (AM kindergarten and pre-school classes attend morning session, PM classes will not meet)
1/3 (T)	Schools reopen after winter vacation
2/20 (M)	Washington's Birthday Holiday
3/1 (W)	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences/Secondary Teacher Inservice (No school for students)
3/8 (W)	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (Elementary pupils only released early-time TBA; secondary students attend all day)
3/24 (F)	Spring Vacation Begins (Students released early-time TBA) (PM kindergarten and pre-school classes attend morning session, and AM classes will not meet)
4/3 (M)	Schools reopen after spring vacation
5/29 (M)	Memorial Day Holiday
6/16 (F)	Last Day of School (Students released early - time TBA) (AM kindergarten and pre-school classes attend morning session, and PM classes do not meet) Teachers remain for Records' Day

Back To School Night at Wakefield 10/19
College Night at W-L 10/20

Sports Schedule

Varsity Football:			
Edison	9/2	Away	8:00
McLean	9/9	Home	8:00
Falls Church	9/16	Away	8:00
W-L	9/23	Home	8:00
Fairfax	9/30	Away	8:00
Annandale	10/7	Home	8:00
Woodson	10/14	Away	8:00
Jefferson	10/21	Home	8:00
Stuart	10/28	Home	8:00
Yorktown	11/4	Away	8:00
Junior Varsity Football:			
Falls Church	9/15	Home	8:00
Madison	9/22	Away	8:00
Fairfax	9/29	Home	8:00
Annandale	10/6	Away	8:00
Woodson	10/13	Home	8:00
Jefferson	10/20	Away	8:00
Marshall	10/27	Away	8:00
Yorktown	11/3	Home	8:00
Freshman Football:			
Fairfax	9/29	Home	6:00
Annandale	10/6	Away	6:00
Woodson	10/13	Home	6:00
Jefferson	10/20	Away	6:00
Marshall	10/27	Away	6:00
Yorktown	11/3	Home	6:00
Girls Tennis Schedule:			
Stuart	9/19	Away	3:30
Fairfax	9/23	Home	3:30
Woodson	9/26	Away	3:30
Annandale	9/28	Home	3:30
Jefferson	9/30	Away	3:30

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Immunization Reminder:

Students who have not provided proof of immunization by August 19 will not be allowed to enter school in September.

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School Evaluation:

Every ten years schools are evaluated for state accreditation. This year, the Visiting Committee will be at Wakefield in April. We need parent volunteers to serve on committees. Please contact Mr. Long (671-8800,ext.77).

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Football Pre-sale Tickets:

Pre-sale tickets for the first game (Wakefield-Edison) will be on sale in Mr. Wilson's office August 31, Sept. 1, 2. Adult $1.50, Student $1.00. Gate price $2.00.

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READINGS PROGRAMS

Coordination and assistance with County Reading Programs are provided by the following: Reading Curriculum Specialist, Elementary Reading Helping Teacher and .5 Secondary Reading Helping Teacher. Implementation of County programs is handled by each school's reading personnel.

BASIC

Allocation of Professional Reading Staff:

Senior High - Staff allocation of one reading teacher per high school

Secondary - Responsibility for the basic reading program lies with each English teacher. The reading staff works in the areas of remediation of students with special needs, reading in the content areas, increasing reading rate, diagnosing and prescribing for developmental as well as enrichment instruction and improving reading/thinking skills.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Materials:

- -New materials are tested and evaluated
- -Evaluated materials are purchased and are on loan to school staffs through the Curriculum Lab
- -Exchange of materials is provided between schools via monthly newsletter (LINK)

Programs: Each school, according to student characteristics, availability of resources, and teacher expertise, extends its basic program with supplementary and enrichment activities which might include some of the following:

- -Volunteer One-to-One
- -Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)
- -Junior Great Books
- -Literature Programs
- -Title I (a federally funded program limited to a number of schools which meet specified criteria)

STUDENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION IN READING

Student progress and achievement in reading are monitored continuously via standardized tests and County-developed criterion referenced tests as well as by teacher-made tests and by teacher observations. In addition, many schools administer mastery tests upon completion of each instructional level of a basal series.

Listed below is the County Testing Program in Reading:

Standardized Tests:

Grade	Test	Testing Period
K	Metropolitan Readiness Test	2/1 - 2/28
2	SRA Achievement Test (Reading)	2/1 - 2/28
4,6,8	SRA Achievement Test (Reading)	10/15 - 11/15
11	IOWA Test of Educational Development	10/15-11/15